GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:149
ANSWERED ON:17.07.2014
REPAIR OF RAILWAY BRIDGES
Adhikari Shri Suvendu

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways conduct regular inspection of railway bridges to assess their physical condition worthy of running trains safely and if so, the details thereof including the number of bridges found to be in dilapidated condition;

(b) the details of the dilapidated bridges sanctioned for re-building, rehabilitation, strengthening and repairs during each of the last three years and the current year, zone-wise;

(c) the funds allocated for the purpose during the said period, zone-wise;

(d) whether the Railways proposes to carry out repair of all the bridges found to be in dilapidated condition to prevent the possibility of accident and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the corrective action taken by the Railways to ensure safety and security of the bridges?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI D. V. SADANANDA GOWDA)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 149 BY SHRI SUVENDU ADHIKARI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 17.07.2014 REGARDING REPAIR OF RAILWAY BRIDGES

(a) to (e): Yes, Madam. A regular and rigorous system of inspection of railway bridges is followed on Indian Railways under which all the railway bridges are thoroughly inspected every year. Repair/strengthening/rehabilitation/ rebuilding of railway bridges is continuous process and is undertaken whenever so warranted by their physical condition as ascertained during these inspections. If the corrective/remedial measures are expected to take a long duration due to the complexity of the site situation, etc. suitable safety measures like imposing speed restriction and keeping such bridge under close watch are taken till the bridge is repaired/strengthened/rehabilitated/rebuilt. The details in respect of the bridges sanctioned for strengthening /rehabilitation/ rebuilding since 01.04.2011, zone wise and year wise are as under:

Railway	2011-12		2012-13		2013-14	
	Bridges sanction-ed during the year	Funds allocat-ed during the year (Rs. in crores)	Bridges sanction-ed during the year	Funds allocat-ed during the year (Rs. in crores)	Bridges sanction-ed during the year	Funds allocat-ed during the year (Rs. in crores)
Central	3	12.8	19	10.92	20	9.09
Eastern	12	73.17	68	81.42	33	71.18
East Central	30	71.57	24	43.38	0	61.59
East Coast	94	9.13	47	14.64	8	16.87
Northern	65	11.08	30	17.19	38	34.55
North Central	15	16.62	8	12.22	22	19.65
North Eastern	1	3.83	2	9.49	0	17.13
Northeast Frontier	187	11.3	83	18.48	2	11.16
North Western	86	7.39	3	11.03	27	6.70
Southern	38	9.18	39	17.22	21	25.14
South Central	18	31.14	113	16.98	30	18.39
South Eastern	115	11.32	13	21.81	57	17.47
South East Central	34	12.01	13	7.95	29	7.24
South Western	7	13.34	41	13.25	1	13.36
Western	59	15.84	30	19.99	0	27.68
West Central	75	26.72	58	23.7	29	25.51
Total	839	336.45	591	339.66	317	382.69

During the current year 2014-15, an amount of Rs. 403 crores has been allocated for strengthening /rehabilitation/ rebuilding of railway bridges.